

Revels was elected to the Mississippi Legislature as a Senator. On January 20, 1870, the Mississippi Legislature voted to seat Senator Revels to fill one of two unexpired Mississippi U.S. Senate seats vacated by Senator Albert Brown and Senator Jefferson Davis, who vacated his Senate seat to serve as President of the Confederacy. During Reconstruction, as Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on February 23, 1870, Hiram Rhodes Revels took his seat on February 25, 1870 as the first Black person to serve in the United States Senate and served on the Education and Labor Committee.

At the end of his Senate term on March 3, 1871, Senator Revels chose to return to Mississippi to become the first President of Alcorn State University, formally known as Oakland College. Alcorn is the first landgrant school in the United States for Black students. Alcorn is named for Senator Revels' political supporter, Governor James Alcorn. Briefly, in 1873, Senator Revels was chosen as Mississippi interim Secretary of State after the death of John Roy Lynch. He took a hiatus from Alcorn in 1874 and became the pastor of a church in Holly Springs, MS. In 1876 he returned as President of Alcorn and retired in 1882. Senator Revels returned to the ministry in Holly Springs where he died January 16, 1901.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Senator Hiram Rhodes Revels.

REMEMBERING RUTH MARIE GRANT

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman MIKE DOYLE, to recognize the life of Ruth Marie Grant who passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, after a wonderful and trailblazing 90 years of life.

Ruth Marie O'Block was born on September 2, 1931, in Plum, Pennsylvania and spent her life growing and investing in her community through business and public service. This began after her graduation from Seton Hill University and marriage to Louis A. Grant. True to Pittsburgh style, together they began Louis A. Grant, Inc., a multi-million-dollar international competitor in the steel and aluminum industry. Ruth led the company for 54 years, spearheading women's leadership in an overwhelmingly male-dominated industry.

She also made significant headway in the financial industry, serving as the first female Board Member of People's Bank of Unity and remained active on the Board of S&T Bank following the two institutions' merger.

At her core, Ruth was a champion for public service, and inspiration for tomorrow's leaders. She was constantly seeking ways to improve access to education and serve her community. Her titles were numerous and spanned all levels of government. At the national level, Ruth served on the U.S. Department of Commerce's Committee on International Trade. In Pennsylvania, she served on the Governor's Education Committee where she contributed to the formulation of public policy, key personnel selections and decisions to reduce costs while enhancing the Commonwealth's

education services. And in Plum specifically, she held numerous roles including with the Plum Water Authority, Plum Planning and Zoning commission and the Plum Library Board.

Ruth also left an indelible mark at Seton Hill University, where she served as a trustee for a total of 22 years and was the immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees.

We believe Ruth would agree, that despite a lifetime of service, her most important titles were mother and "Granna." Ruth is pre-deceased by her husband Louis, but survived by her four children: Toni Grant Verstandig (Lee), Cindy Grant Pallatino, Ruth Ann Grant Wargofchik and Louis A. Grant, Jr., and seven grandchildren: John R. Wargofchik III, Andrew Wargofchik, Brady Wargofchik, Grant Verstandig, Brittany Grant, Louis Grant and Gaetano Grant.

May her legacy serve as an inspiration to new generations of public servants and entrepreneurs; and her memory serve as a blessing to her family.

TRIBUTE TO LUCY LEVINSOHN BERMAN—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lucy Levinsohn Berman of Sunland, a unique neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Lucy grew up in Palm Desert, California with her mother and sisters but spent many vacations and weekends with her father in Sunland. After her graduation from Palm Desert High School, she moved to the Los Angeles area, where she attended Glendale Community College, and California State University, Northridge, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Activism and community service were important values instilled into Lucy at an early age. As a young girl, she volunteered at Ahead with Horses, a non-profit dedicated to providing equine therapy to disabled, special needs, and disadvantaged children. As a teenager, she volunteered for the Temple Sinai of Palm Desert's Thanksgiving feasts and yearly food drive and created her first daytime music festival in support of the Desert AIDS Project called NOMAD (New Original Music Across the Desert).

Ms. Levinsohn Berman is a Jewish American songwriter, singer and recording artist, who is most recognized as the frontwoman of the alternative rock band EVOLOVE, based in Los Angeles. Lucy's music has been featured in film and television, and her most recent project, The DreiDells is a Jewish comedy duo she and her sister, Anya Boyer developed to share a positive worldwide message about Judaism. A community builder and activist, she is a committee member of Songwriters of North America, which works towards fair royalty rates in the digital arena.

For nearly a decade, Ms. Levinsohn Berman has been a well-known leader in the Sunland-Tujunga Jewish community. As an enthusiastic member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Arts, Recreation, and Culture Committee, she founded Hanukkah in the Foothills, an annual inclusive celebration open to everyone that features traditional Hanukkah music, food, and the Hanukkah story. She also volunteered for Love The Neighborhood, a Sunland-Tujunga community beautification group.

Lucy and her husband, Billy, reside in Sunland with their two children, Zoey and Benny, dogs, tortoise, and chickens.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lucy Levinsohn Berman.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN KEVIN LONG

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Kevin Long of the Dearborn Fire Department on the occasion of his retirement. His honorable twenty-six years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Captain Long began his career at the Dearborn Fire Department in October 1996, beginning as a Firefighter 1. In April 2002, he was promoted to Firefighter 2 and then to the role of Fire Engineer in May 2006. Due to his excellence in service, he was named Lieutenant in April 2011 and then Captain in August 2012. Known for his bravery and leadership, he received the Departmental Medal of Valor in 1997 and the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation in 2019. He is also the recipient of several awards, including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Meritorious Service Award, the Fire Chief Unit Commendation, and numerous Meritorious Company Commendations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Kevin Long for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Fire Department. I join with Captain Long's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his honorable service in protecting our community and thank him for his role in serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past twenty-six years. We wish him the best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, this week due to the ongoing public health emergency, I have been using a proxy to cast my vote. However, my proxy was unavailable during the time of this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 190.